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BOSCH THREAT TO BOYCOTT ELECTIONS REPORTED

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(Excerpt) A spokesman of the Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD), which is led by former President Juan Bosch, stated last night that Bosch will boycott next year's presidential elections unless Inter-American Peace Force units are withdrawn before the elections. The final decision in this connection will be made during the PRD national convention which will take place within the next three months, according to PRD Organization Secretary Jose A. Persia Herrera. These statements were made to a foreign correspondent.

Juan Bosch said last night that this report is typical of the usual charlatanism of U.S. reporters and UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, a U.S. press agency. Jose A. Persia Herrera, according to the UPI report, made these statements during a press conference with U.S. reporters who had been unsuccessful in obtaining an interview with the former Dominican president. Juan Bosch's appointments secretary said that Juan Bosch follows a policy of not speaking to anyone connected with the U.S. press. He said: "If you want to know what he thinks, read about it in the local dailies."

MINISTER ANNOUNCES ANTITERRORIST MEASURES

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(Excerpt) Interior Minister Manuel Joaquin Castillo is taking special measures to prevent terrorist acts or subversive movements against the government. Castillo said yesterday that the provisional government is on the alert to quell disorders and assure the normal development of governmental activities. Castillo stressed that the government will not permit the development of plots. He said that all the investigations of possible rebellious acts have been assigned to the attorney general.

A communique issued by the office of the provisional president the day before yesterday pointed out that the authorities are investigating possible plots and a terrorist plan. The Presidency disclosed that it has the names of the conspirators, but their names were not released for obvious reasons. The communique says that the short-lived Santiago revolt is part of the terrorist plan and adds that the terrorist activities are aimed at creating an atmosphere of agitation to cause the fall of Dr. Hector Garcia's government.

ESPINOZA EXPLAINS AIMS OF SANTIAGO MOVEMENT

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(Text) Dr. Tomas Alcibiades Espinoza Acosta denies that the Santiago insurrectional movement was rightist-inspired and places it within the framework of the Catholic Church's social Christian doctrine. To support his thesis, he states that his group is divorced from the powerful economic interests which have not helped our republic to develop for the good of the majorities. He also says that he planned to establish a state of law which guarantees freedom to all Dominicans and eliminates the exploitation of man by the capitalists who still disregard social justice.

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Dr. Espinoza's statements, which according to reports were made at La Victoria penitentiary, were released in mimeograph form by Dr. Antonio Fernandez Spencer at the home of Leo de Bernal Vazquez. The document states that the group involved in the movement is formed by landless peasants, farm workers, small landowners and members of the middle class, including university professional men.

Dr. Espinoza claims that his group (?wants) to break the inertia of the terrorism being imposed on the country by the Constitutionalist in view of the indifference of the provisional government. Dr. Espinoza says that the members of his group are staunch Catholics in the main who do not tolerate communist infiltration. Dr. Espinoza adds: "Even though our political adversaries, radicalized by the demagogic left which has turned into an uncontrollable calamity in our country, are making efforts to create and project a totalitarian image over our nationalistic democratic front, facts have shown that we are a vast movement led by serious men fighting communist infiltration in this tormented nation of ours."

Dr. Espinoza says that real Dominicans know "that we have not carried out a single terrorist act in Barahona or Santiago." Dr. Espinoza then goes on to say: "While feverish actions are being taken against democratic fighters, we ask: Where are the persons who attacked public offices? Where are those who murdered Dr. Angel Severo Cabral in plain sight of so many citizens?"

LARGE AMOUNT OF WEAPONS SURRENDERED TO STATE

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(Excerpt) Interior and Police Minister Manuel Joaquin Castillo stated today that he is astonished at the large quantities of weapons surrendered voluntarily by the civilian population. The official, who is also the vice president of the republic, pointed out that in the arms collection centers established throughout the city more than 80,000 pesos have been spent to purchase weapons held by civilians. The deadline for the voluntary turning in of weapons expired on 30 November but was extended until 10 December.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS--The Office of the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine if political prisoners are still being held on offshore islands. Insistent rumors say that an undetermined number of political prisoners are jailed in Punta Presidente and Beata Island. (Santo Domingo Domestic Spanish 1630 GMT 2 December 1965--C)

U.S. AMBASSADOR--Dominican Provisional President Hector Garcia Godoy and U.S. Ambassador Tapley Bennett held conversations in the Presidential Palace on two consecutive days without disclosing the nature of the issues discussed. President Garcia Godoy and Ambassador Bennett met 30 November and 1 December in the Presidential Palace. (Santo Domingo Radio Universal Spanish 1200 GMT 2 December 1965--C)